

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast

5 signal of a selected channel;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital broadcast signal;

a recording section adapted to record the digital data in a predetermined format and to sequentially output the recorded digital
10 data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of a viewer; and

a control section adapted to control the recording section to start recording the selected channel when the selected channel is included in the favorite channel map, and when the selected channel
15 is not included in the favorite channel map and is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected, and to generate an EPG image of the favorite channel based on the favorite channel map.

2. A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast signal of a selected channel;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital broadcast signal;

25 a recording section adapted to record the digital data in a

predetermined format and to sequentially output the recorded digital data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of a viewer; and

5 a control section adapted to control the recording section to start recording the selected channel when the selected channel is included in the favorite channel map.

3. The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control section controls the recording 10 section to start recording the selected channel when the selected channel is not included in the favorite channel map and is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected.

4. The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control section generates an EPG image 15 of the favorite channel based on the favorite channel map.

5. The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an output section adapted to convert the digital data into analog data and to output the analog data.